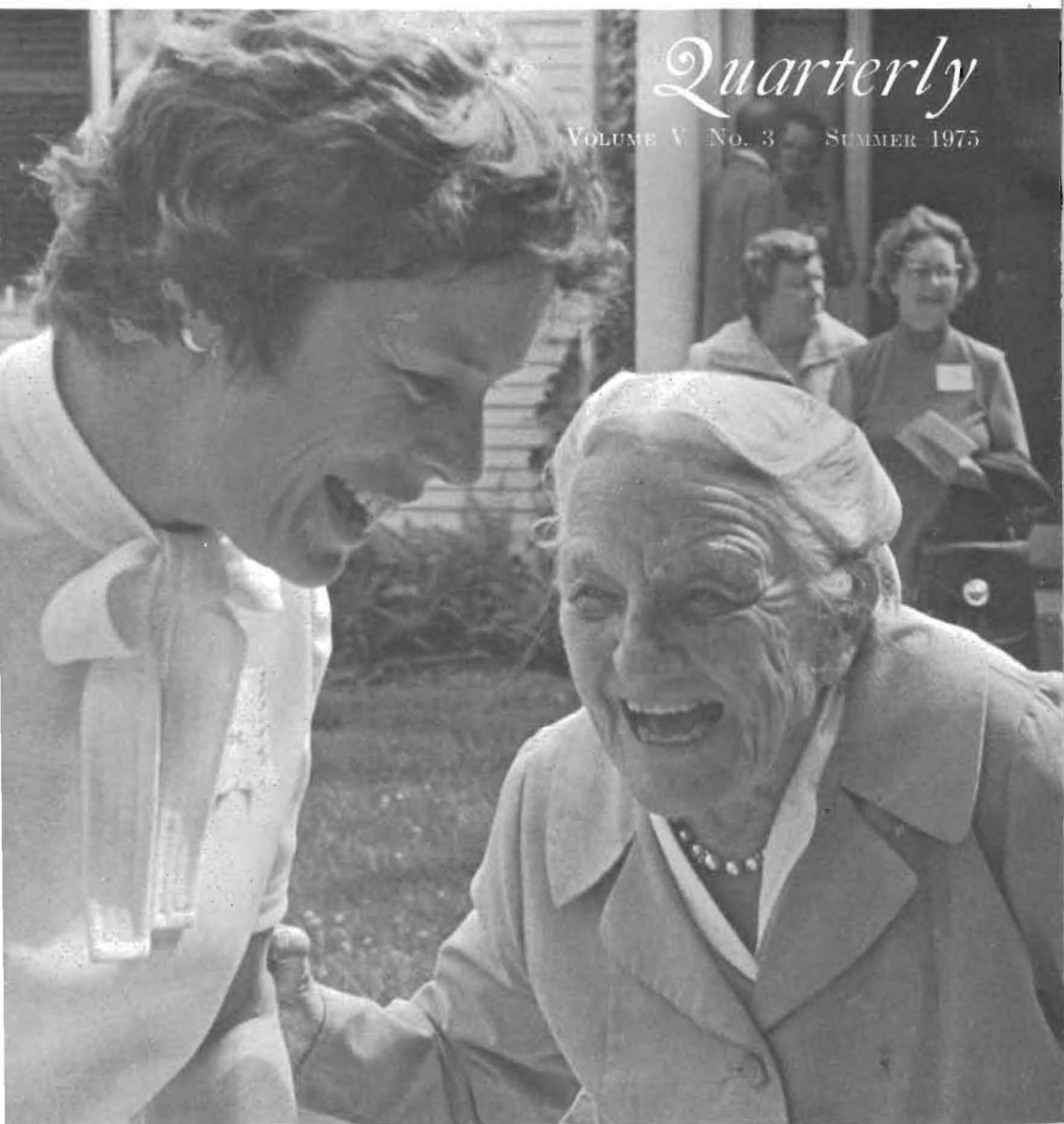


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The *Quarterly* is published by the Rutland Historical Society for the citizens and friends of the original New Hampshire Grant township of Rutland which today includes the City of Rutland, West Rutland, Rutland Town and Proctor.

Membership is open to all upon payment to the treasurer, George J. Covalt, West Rutland, Vermont, of the annual dues of two dollars. A subscription to the *Quarterly* is one of the privileges of membership.

Farm Museum at the Rutland Fair

Last year active farmers, would-be farmers and retired farmers scoured the barnyards of the County and collected and displayed a respectable exhibit of old farm tools and equipment in a building provided by the Rutland Fair Association. During the winter and spring more material has been acquired notably the wheelwright and blacksmith tools of Levi Miner, the gift of Julia Blake. From Noel Potter the Society received gifts of several display cases and from Nick Phillips many fine cases and equipment from the old Lamphere Creamery in West Rutland.

Baptist Church Preservation Fund

Mrs. Paul Thomas, 206 Church Street, Rutland announces that note paper showing the original Baptist Meeting House, formerly at the northeast corner of South Main Street and East Washington Street, will be sold to raise funds for the preservation of the present Baptist Church on Center Street which is 103 years old. Further inquiries may be made to Mrs. Thomas or at the church.

With the appearance of the next issue, the *Quarterly* will have completed five years of publication. If the demand warrants it we intend to bind the five volumes with a history of the Society and index. Further details will appear in the next issue.

The Cover

Judith Wener Bloomer of West Rutland and Amelia Forbes Emerson of Concord, each bearing a name illustrious in her own town, are caught in a moment of elation by the camera of Don Grout.



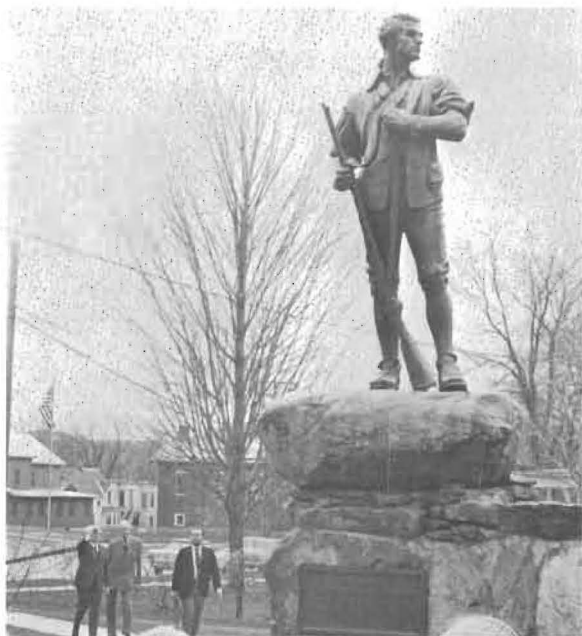
At top of previous page and above, left to right: the Rev'd Irving French; DAR Chaplain Gladys Hart and DAR Regent Beryl Todd; Amelia Forbes Emerson; the Rev'd Dana Greeley; Thomas Emerson and the Rev'd Anthony Jurgielewicz; Senator Robert Stafford; Rutland County Bicentennial Chair'n Bill Hart and Bev Davidson.



Rutland County Bicentennial Committee photo by Marc A. Pfenning

Thomas Egan of Vermont and John Pell of New York

Vermonters and Yorkers joined in a common cause two hundred years ago. Symbolic of the bond between the two states was the visit to Rutland by John Pell and the presentation to Mr. Pell by a Vermont delegation of the plaque shown above.



Rutland County Bicentennial Committee photo by Marc A. Pfenning

John Pell, owner of Fort Ticonderoga, is escorted to the statue of the Green Mountain Boy in Federal Park by Thomas K. Egan, Heritage Committee Chairman for the Rutland County Bicentennial Committee. Forty-six years ago, fresh from Harvard, Pell wrote the definitive biography of the leader of the Green Mountain Boys, Ethan Allen.

THE MINUTE MAN OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS



More on Dorr-Dawes

In the last issue the statement that Paul Revere's associate on the famous mid-nite ride, William Dawes, Jr. was really named Dorr was attributed to James Bryan Dorr. We wish to correct the record. Mr. Dorr in his book *Some Branches of the Dorr Family Tree* says that it was Mrs. Anna Dorr Walthall who makes this claim.

There is, however, a connection between Rutland and William Dawes, Jr. The great grandmother of John H. Field and William H. Field was Mchitable May Dawes, a daughter of William Dawes, Jr.



Photo courtesy Kitty Parsons Recchia

The statue was commissioned by the Ann Story Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was sculpted by Raymond Porter and cast in bronze in 1915. A young sculptor, Richard Recchia, posed for Porter. Recchia is shown in 1955 surrounded by some of his works which includes a bust of Raymond Porter in the background. Recchia was helped in his career by Daniel Chester French who did the most celebrated American piece of statuary, the Concord Minute Man. French was only twenty-three years old when he completed that work.



The Major Beach Odyssey

The winning entries in the Major Beach contest sponsored jointly by the Society, the Rutland County Bicentennial Committee and the Rutland Herald are on display through October 12 at the Museum, 101 Center Street on Sundays from 2 to 5 P.M. Copies of a booklet by Elaine Von Bruns, *"The Marathon Run of Vermont's Paul Revere"* are available at the Museum at \$1.00 each or, by mail at \$1.25. Also available at the Museum are back issues of the *Quarterly* and the Julia Dorr pictorial calendar.

This issue is essentially a recapitulation of the busy events of the spring of our one hundred and ninety-ninth year of independence. The first Bicentennial event in the State, the dedication in West Rutland of the memorial to the Reverend William Emerson, was unHeralded and we will attempt to correct that oversight by devoting space to that event and its sequel, the pilgrimage to Concord and its North Bridge, the Manse and the Emerson homes.

The Manse—The old parsonage at Concord



Photos by Don Grout

Resting weary feet on Concord Meeting House steps



Hundreds of Faces . . . West Rutland, Castleton . . .



The home of the Emerson family, the hosts.



In May members of the Emerson family of Concord, Massachusetts were guests of the West Rutland Bicentennial Committee at ceremonies marking the burial site of the Rev'd William Emerson who died at the home of the Rev'd Benajah Roots in 1776 after serving as Chaplain at Fort Ticonderoga. In June the Emerson family chartered a bus and invited West Rutlanders to spend a day as their guests in the town that the Rev'd Emerson and his renowned grandson, Ralph Waldo, lived in.

. . . Proctor, Pittsford . . .



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Photos, top and bottom pages 26, 27, 30, 31, 32: Rutland County Bicentennial Committee by T. K. Egan.

Our photographers

Marc A. Pfenning is a free lance photographer who covered the John Pell visit, the County archives project and the Ticonderoga re-enactment for the County Bicentennial Committee.

T. K. Egan is co-chairman of the Rutland City Bicentennial Committee and Heritage Chairman of the County Committee.

Don Grout is on the faculty of West Rutland High School and photographed the Concord visit and, of course, the cover.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Sunday, October 5 at 7:30 P.M. at the Rutland County Court House is the date set for the annual meeting and election of officers of the Society. Samuel Engle Burr, Jr., President General of the Aaron Burr Association will be guest speaker and his topic, naturally, will be on the relations of this controversial American figure with New England. The public is most cordially invited.

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